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Title : APPARATUS FOR CHANNEL INTERLAVING IN
COMMUNICATIONS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2003, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-23 (canceled)

24. (currently amended) An interleaver comprising:

a birefringent element assembly comprising at least one spatial birefringent element, the birefringent element assembly providing two output components;

a reflector configured to direct the two components from the birefringent element assembly back through the birefringent element assembly; and